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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is the Applicant's Statement of the Substance of the Interview conducted with the Examiner in the above-referenced application on April 30, 2004.

During the interview Applicant argued that Whiteside teaches bladders being pressurized above atmosphere pressure while the present application claims bladders partially inflated at atmosphere pressure, the inflated volume of the bladders being no more than 60% the maximum contained volume of the bladder. The applicant also argued that there is no motivation to combine the reclining chair of Brotherston with the inflatable bladders of Whiteside to arrive at the claimed invention of the present application.

No agreement was reached between the Applicant and the Examiner. The Examiner did indicate that the above arguments would be considered upon response to the amendment dated March 12, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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